

By the Queene.

A Proclamation commaunding the execution of an Acte of Parliament, provided for avoiding of dangerous annoyances about Cities, Burroughes and Townes within the Realme.

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Her Highnes Maiestie vnderstanding, that by a Statute made in the twelfth peere of the reigne of King Richard the second, it was enacted that, so: that so much doting, and other filth of the issues and intralles, as well of beastes killed, as of other corruptions, were cast and put in Ditches, Rivers, and other waters, and also within many other places within, about, and nigh vnto diuers Cities, Burroughes and Townes of the Realme, and the Suburbes of them, that the Ayre there was greatly corrupt and infect, and many maladies, and other intollerable diseases did daily happen, as well to the inhabitants, and also dwellers in the same Cities, Burroughes, Townes and Suburbes, as to other thither repairing and passing, to the great annoyance, dammage, and perill of the inhabitants, dwellers, repairers, and passers aforesaid: It was accorded and assented, that Proclamation should be made as well in the Citie of London, as in other Cities, Burroughes and Townes, through the Realme of England, where it should be needefull, as well within the franchises as without: That all they which did cast and put annoyances, doting, issues, intralles, and other ordure in Ditches, Rivers, waters, and other places aforesaid, should cause them vtterly to be remooued, auoyded and caried away, betwixt that and the feast of S. Michael then next ensuing, after the end of the said Parliament: euery one vpon paine to loose and to forfeite vnto the said King xx. li. And that the Maiors and Bailiffes of euery such Citie, Burrough or Towne, and also the Bailiffes of the franchises should compel the same to be done vpon like paine, And that if any did feele him selfe grieved, that it were not done in the manner aforesaide, and would therevpon complaine him to the Chauncelloz, after the said feast of S. Michael, he should haue a writte to make him (of whom he would so complaine) to come in the Chauncerie, there to shewe why the said paine should not be leuied of him. And moreover, that Proclamation should be made as well in the Citie of London, as in other Cities, Burroughes and Townes, as afoze: That none of what condition so euer he were, should doe to be set, or throwen from thenceforth, any such annoyances, issues, doting, intralles, nor none other ordure in the Ditches, Rivers, waters, and other places aforesaid, And if any did, he should be called by writt before the Chauncelloz, at his sute that would complaine: and if he were found guiltie, he should be punished after the discretion of the Chauncelloz, as by the same Acte appeareth: And finding how necessary it shall be to haue the said Acte duely executed within the Cities of London, and Westminster, and the Suburbes thereof, and other places neere thereunto adioyning, and foreseeing what benefite may growe by the due execution thereof in the places aforesaid, as well to the Inhabitants of these her Highnes Cities of London, and Westminster, as also to al Noble men, Gentlemen and others, which for sundry respects haue occasion to remaine in, or to repaire vnto the same Cities, and the Suburbes thereof. And for the auoyding of such dangerous infections, as otherwise by means of these noysome annoyances might growe within the said Cities, and the Suburbes thereof, doth hereby will the said Acte to be proclaimed within the Cities of London, and Westminster, and the Counties thereunto adioyning. And doeth hereby signifie, declare and publish, her Highnes good will and pleasure to be, that the said Statute shall be from hencefoorth put in due execution, according to the tenor, effect and true meaning of the same, within the same Cities, and the Suburbes thereof, and in all other places neere adioyning to the same: And doeth hereby straightly charge and commaund all and euery person and persons, to abstaine and forbear to cast or put forth any intralles of beastes, or other filthie or noysome thing whatsoever, into any Ditch, River or water, or into any fielde or high way, in or neere vnto the said Cities of London, and Westminster, or the Suburbes of them, or of either of them. And her Highnes doeth further charge and straightly commaund, that all such noysome corrupt infections and filthy substance, as haue beene heretofore throwen or cast forth into any place or places, in or neere vnto the same Cities, or either of them, or the Suburbes of the same, by any person or persons whatsoever, whereby the Ayre is or may be corrupted or infected, shall before the xxv. day of August next coming, be remooued and caried away, vpon paine of the punishment and penaltie contained in the said Statute. And her Maiestie doeth hereby straightly charge, commaund and require all and singular Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Constables, and all other Officers and Ministers, to whom it shal apperteyne, that they and euery of them, doe carefully and duely see to the execution of the said Act, and of this her Maiesties good will and pleasure, in this her Highnes Proclamation, published and declared vpon paine of her Highnes indignation and displeasure. Given at our Maner of Greenewicke the sixt day of June, in the xxxii. peere of our reigne.

God saue the Queene.

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